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CLAIMS:

What is claimed is:

1. A data processing system input pointing device
5 comprising:
a single control device included within said input
pointing device; and
said single control device for controlling an audio
output of said data processing system in response to a
10 movement of said control device.
2. The device according to claim 1, wherein said
control device further comprises an audio wheel.
- 15 3. The device according to claim 1, further comprising:
said control device capable of being moved forward;
and
means for increasing a volume of said audio output
in proportion to an amount said control device is moved
20 forward.
4. The device according to claim 1, further comprising:
said control device capable of being moved backward;
and
25 means for decreasing a volume of said audio output
in proportion to an amount said control device is moved
forward.
5. The device according to claim 1, further comprising:
30 said control device capable of being depressed; and

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means for toggling a mute of said audio output in response to said control device being depressed twice in quick succession.

- 5 6. The device according to claim 1, further comprising:
said control device capable of being depressed and moved forward; and

means for fast forwarding through a current audio selection while said control device is depressed while
10 simultaneously being moved forward.

7. The device according to claim 1, further comprising:
said control device capable of being depressed and moved backward; and

15 means for rewinding through a current audio selection while said control device is depressed while simultaneously being moved backward.

8. The device according to claim 1, wherein said input
20 pointing device is a mouse.

9. The device according to claim 1, wherein said
control device is an audio wheel included on a side of
said input pointing device.

- 25 10. A mouse for use in a data processing system, said mouse comprising:

a single audio wheel included on a side of said mouse; and

- 30 said audio wheel for controlling said audio output of said data processing system in response to a movement of said audio wheel.

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11. The mouse according to claim 10, further comprising
said single audio wheel capable of increasing a volume,
decreasing said volume, toggling a mute of said volume,
fast forwarding through a current audio selection, and
5 rewinding through said current audio selection.

12. A method in a data processing system comprising the
steps of:

 providing an input pointing device;
10 including an audio control device on said input
 pointing device; and
 controlling an audio output of said data processing
system in response to a movement of said audio control
device.

15 13. The method according to claim 12, further comprising
the steps of:
 moving said audio control device forward; and
 increasing a volume of said audio output in
20 proportion to an amount said audio control device is
 moved forward.

14. The method according to claim 12, further
comprising:
25 moving said audio control device backward; and
 decreasing a volume of said audio output in
proportion to an amount said audio control device is
moved forward.

30 15. The method according to claim 12, further
comprising:
 depressing said audio control device; and

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toggling a mute of said audio output in response to said audio control device being depressed twice in quick succession.

- 5 16. The method according to claim 12, further comprising:

depressing while simultaneously moving said audio control device forward; and

- 10 fast forwarding through a current audio selection while said audio control device is depressed and simultaneously moved forward.

17. The method according to claim 12, further comprising:

- 15 depressing while simultaneously moving said audio control device backward; and

means for rewinding through a current audio selection while said audio control device is depressed and simultaneously moved backward.

- 20 18. A method in a data processing system comprising the steps of:

providing an input pointing device;

- 25 including a single audio wheel on a side said input pointing device; and

controlling a volume, toggling of a mute of said volume, fast forwarding through a current audio selection, and rewinding through said current audio selection utilizing said single audio wheel.

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